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Mr. Tom Wheeler  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

I am writing to express my support of the planned purchase of Time Warner Cable by Comcast. I personally feel this merger will benefit the consumer and competition. I have experience as a programmer on the Comcast system and have firsthand knowledge of Comcast's commitment to the communities it serves and its focus on local content.

JTV is a leased access programmer in Jackson, Michigan. Since 2000, we have served the community with 100% local and positive content utilizing the Comcast system. When JTV began, we approached Comcast with a request to access its viewers via the Leased Commercial Access provision of the Communications Act. The management of Comcast was completely cooperative and forthcoming in providing us with information, requirements, necessary equipment and other means we needed to establish our local station. While leasing a channel is a financial burden, Comcast has always been extremely cooperative and compassionate in negotiating our agreements. Comcast has indicated many times they feel local programming and content is important to their company and value JTV's service in the communities it serves. During the economic downturn following the banking and automotive crises, Comcast was creative and supportive in working with JTV to allow our programming to continue.

In discussions with other leased access programmers in other markets, I have discovered that other cable MSOs have not been easy to work with. Comcast has demonstrated their commitment to local content and independent programmers where others have not. Allowing Comcast to purchase Time Warner Cable would ensure these positive attitudes would provide these benefits to TWC communities. JTV is the ONLY 100% local leased access programmer in the country. And Comcast is the only MSO that ensures we exist.

Additionally, Comcast has been a very generous and involved corporate citizen in our community. Comcast has donated tens of thousands of dollars to our community's Martin Luther King Center, a recreation and education resource serving our community's minority population. The donations have been used to establish a media department and expand Internet access to the community. Comcast has been a sponsor for many years of our community's "Make A Difference" and anti-bullying programs in our middle schools. The company has also underwritten the cost of presentations and productions to allow these programs to reach a greater audience.

Most recently, Comcast has expanded their Internet access program "Internet Essentials" in our community, providing access to low income families. They have donated computers, iPads and other technology to our schools. The people of Comcast donate their time to volunteer in our community and serve on various non-profit and educational boards.

Comcast is the cable franchisee in several of our communities and have provided equipment and support to allow these communities to continue their Public, Educational and Government programming. Competitors of Comcast providing television service in our market do not provide either the same level of PEG access and nothing in the way of Leased Commercial Access.

JTV is a valued and highly regarded service in the greater Jackson community. We have donated immeasurable amounts of airtime, coverage and promotion to benefit our community. We provide jobs for more than a dozen residents and fill a void in an underserved media market. We would not be able to do any of this without the cooperation and help of Comcast.

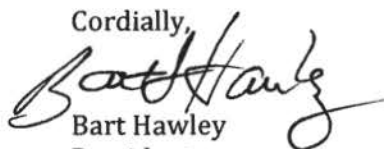
When Comcast purchased NBC Universal, there were several requirements Comcast honor in the way of local programming and community service. It has been my observation that Comcast has always taken this seriously.

This planned business transaction has great benefit to our community and to our nation. We are living proof that Comcast is a company that values independent programmers, local content and the communities it serves.

I urge you to support Comcast as they grow to provide their great service to an even larger population. Having better access, and allowing this company to purchase Time Warner Cable, is a benefit to the entire nation.

Thank you.

Cordially,



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